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1. Pursuant to authorization by the President and as a basis for more adequate planning for the security of the United States the Director of Central Intelligence is directed to prepare in collaboration with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Interdepartmental Committee for Internal Security and the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference an evaluation of the net capability of the USSR to injure the Continental United States. A preliminary evaluation should be available to the Senior Staff of the National Security Council by September 20 and the final evaluation, produced as indicated below, will be presented to the National Security Council as soon thereafter as practicable.

2. As a basis for the final evaluation, the following comprehensive estimates will be prepared as indicated:

    a. An estimate of the capability of the USSR to launch a military attack on the Continental United States (to be prepared under the direction of the Intelligence Advisory Committee).

    b. An estimate of the capability of the USSR to conduct sabotage and otherwise disrupt internal U. S. activities (to be prepared under the direction of the Chairman of the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference).

    c. An evaluation of U. S. military capability to counter potential enemy capabilities as estimated in subparagraph a. above, and an estimate of the probable damage to the U. S. resulting from such an attack (to be prepared by the Joint Chiefs of Staff with the collaboration, as required, of the Administrator of the Federal Civil Defense Administration).

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d. An evaluation of ways and means available to counter potential enemy capabilities as estimated in subparagraph b. above and an estimate of the probable damage to the United States resulting from such enemy actions. (to be prepared under the direction of the Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee for Internal Security with the collaboration of the Administrator of the Federal Civil Defense Administration.